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12.	Tamil Nadu	172
13.	Uttar Pradesh	53
14.	Orissa	175
15.	Rajasthan	52
16.	Tripura	35
17.	West Bengal	14
18.	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	10
19.	Daman and Diu	19
20.	Pondicherry	20
21.	Jammu and Kashmir	20
22.	Manipur	4
23.	Sikkim	7
24.	Delhi	51
25.	Kerala	73

Urea Import Contract

1579. SHRI BIR SINGH MAHATO : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the urea import contract with the National Fertilizer Limited, and Turkish company Karsan Limited stands cancelled;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to recover the advance amount paid by the Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SIS RAM OLA): (a) and (b). M/s. National Fertilizers Ltd. (NFL) have on 6.10.96 terminated their contract with M/s. Karsan Ltd. due to the latter's failure to supply the contracted urea.

(c) The irregularities in the matter of the contract singed by M/s. National Fertilizers Ltd. (NFL) for supply of 2 lakh metric tonnes of urea are under investigation by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI). The CBI is engaged in conducting the investigation in India as also in various other countries. The Government of Switzerland has been requested to freeze the amounts available in the account of M/s. Karsan Ltd. with Pictet Bank, Geneva and any other connected accounts. The Government of Switzerland has also been requested to seize these amounts and repatriate them to India.

Custodial Deaths

1580. SHRI PRADIP BHATTACHARYA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "West Bengal tops in custodial deaths", appearing in the Hindustan Times, dated November 1, 1996;

(b) if so, whether the NHRC have conducted any survey to find out the exact number of custodial deaths in each of the State during the past one year;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Government propose to formulate any policy to check such deaths?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) Yes, Sir. The Government has seen the news-item captioned "West Bengal tops in custodial deaths", appearing in the Hindustan Times dated 1.11.96.

(b) and (c). National Human Rights Commission has not conducted any survey on the custodial deaths in different States during the past one year, but has been receiving reports from DMs/SPs on incidents of custodial death, in pursuance of instructions issued by it in December 1993.

(d) Although 'Police' is a State subject, the Government of India have issued instructions/guidelines to the State Governments regarding measures to prevent custodial crimes. Detailed guidelines have been circulated from time to time to the State Governments and Union Territories regarding measures to prevent the use of questionable and coercive methods by the Police during investigations. While drawing attention to the legal safeguards, State Governments have been requested to bring to the notice of the Police Officers, the instructions contained in the Police Manual of different States regarding prohibiting or restricting use of force by the Police while effecting arrests, interrogating suspects or during any other stage of police enquiry or investigation. It was emphasised that Police personnel found guilty of using third degree method would render themselves liable to exemplary punishment. It has also emphasised that senior officers should continuously guide investigating officers during inspections and meetings and impress upon them the need for adopting correct and prescribed methods of investigation. Apart from specific guidelines, State Governments have been advised that there is a necessity to bring about qualitative change in the approach and behaviour of the Police towards the general public. Human Rights as a subject has been introduced in the curricula of several Police Training Institutes, including the premier training Institute for IPS Officers viz., the National Police Academy, Hyderabad. Based on the recommendation of the National Human Rights Commission, the Government has prepared a three tier training syllabus for the police and para-military forces officers and circulated to the State Governments and CPMFs for implementations.

Krishi Vigyan Kendras in Orissa

1581. SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether more than half of the total districts of Orissa are still without any Krishi Vigyan Kendra;